

SOCIAL CARE: REDUCING CHILD VULNERABILITY

*Child vulnerabilities, especially HIV/AIDS,
disrupt children's lives putting their health and
security at risk*

*Children Infected and Affected by HIV/AIDS (CABA)
is a focus group for intervention in the Koppal project,
funded by UNICEF German National Committee*

*CABA Committees formed at District and
Taluk (sub-District) level in Koppal to provide
safety net to HIV/AIDS infected children*



PROVIDING SUPPORT TO HIV AFFECTED FAMILIES & CHILDREN

CABA Committees identify high-risk families and children and refer them to Child Welfare Committees for inclusion in family strengthening programme

5000 high-risk families surveyed and 900 children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS identified and referred to Child Welfare Committees

Koppal district receives 1 million rupees every year from the State Government to support 471 children



CREATING A SOCIAL SERVICE WORKFORCE: CCCYC (THE CHURCHES COUNCIL FOR YOUTH AND CHILD CARE) & UNICEF

*CCCYC working on child welfare issues for past
50 years, supported by Kindernothilfe
(KNH) Germany*

*UNICEF partner with CCCYC to improve capacity
of care workers*

*Principles of equity, inclusion and rights-based
approach is promoted with NGO partners*

*Special focus on HIV infected and affected children,
and child protection policies*

*CCCYC provides sponsorship, community-based and
institution-based services to vulnerable children*



CCCYC & UNICEF PROJECT INTERVENTION

Strengthening the social services workforce at the lowest levels – improving capacity of care workers and social workers – ensuring families and children affected by HIV and AIDS are identified, supported, referred to services and protected

275 intervention projects across South India impacting 300,000 children

2924 children, infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and children who are sexually abused, covered by the project



STATE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE

*“Vishesh Palan Yojan” (Special Care Plan)
scheme for CABA children launched by
Government of Karnataka*

*Social protection, care and support from
local community to state level - to improve health,
continuity in education, prevent stigma and
discrimination, and strengthen families facing
poverty and illness*

*70 million rupees yearly allocation towards welfare
of HIV/AIDS infected children*



IMPACT OF KOPPAL PROJECT

*Model developed for operationalising
“Vishesh Palan Yojan” at Koppal*

*Increased access and retention in HIV care
programmes*

*Simplified procedures to access benefits for
HIV infected and affected children*

*Integration of CABA intervention with child
protection/ICPS (Integrated Child Protection
Scheme) programme*



“BALIKA SANGHAS” : ADOLESCENT GIRLS’ COLLECTIVES, KOPPAL

*Adolescent girls are most vulnerable to abuse and
negative social practices like child marriage*

*UNICEF-supported Balika Sanghas, or girls’ collectives,
in Koppal, offer girls Life-skill Education to empower
them to deal with a variety of issues, ranging from
child marriage, child labour, reproductive health,
sexual abuse to vocational awareness*



STRUCTURE OF BALIKA SANGHAS

*Balika Sanghas constitute of girls in the age
group of 14-18 years*

*Trained adolescent leaders educate their peers about
child rights, child marriage, reproductive health,
gender issues, HIV/AIDS, dowry, and violence*

*The centres also provide a safe place for adolescents
to socialise and discuss their concerns*



INTERVENTIONS OF BALIKA SANGHAS

*Adults and adolescents work together to prevent
child rights abuses in the local community*

*With support of the Panchayat (local self-government),
Balika Sanghas intervene and sensitise parents
to prevent child marriage, child labour and to
continue education*

*Adolescent girls access training in small business
management and livelihood, resulting in enhanced
economic growth, strengthening case against early
marriage and dowry*

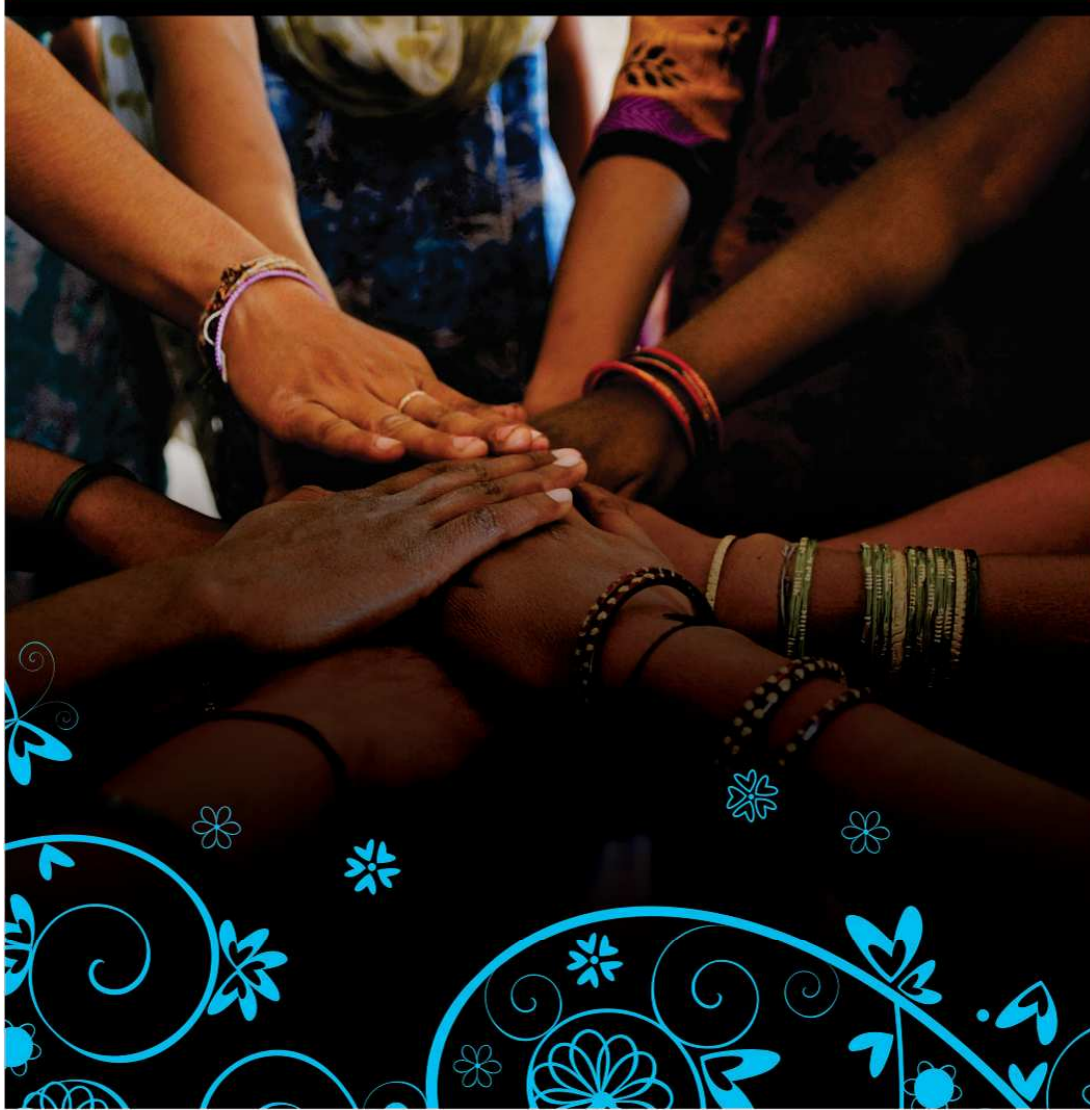


ACHIEVEMENTS OF BALIKA SANGHAS IN KOPPAL

*1373 Balika Sangha groups with more than
34,000 members oriented*

*Over 400 child marriage cases referred to Balika
Sangha groups – 153 child marriages prevented*

*Interventions now reach 300 villages, helping to build
a culture of female empowerment and delayed marriage*



CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION COMMITTEE

*The family and community can take best care of,
and protect their most vulnerable members - children*

*Child Protection Committee is a community structure,
representing all sectors in the community who have
a role to play in protecting children*

*Formed with representatives from the Community
Based Organisations and Panchayat sub-committees:
35-40 members*



OTHER CHILD PROTECTION STRUCTURES

School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) set up in schools to ensure provision of quality education and basic infrastructure facilities to children

Anti-Human Trafficking Committees (ATCs) created and made functional as a child protection structure at Panchayat (local self-government) level

Bala Vikasa Samiti set up to ensure effective functioning and implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programme



ROLE OF CHILD PROTECTION STRUCTURES

Main focus is providing solutions to the situation of individual vulnerable children, on issues like child marriage, child labour and education

Serve as platforms for holding duty-bearers accountable for promoting child rights and protecting children from violence



MOVING TOWARDS A PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT IN KOPPAL

School Development and Monitoring Committee active in 546 schools: over 5000 members trained in school management, preventing dropouts and enrolling the out of school children in appropriate bridge course

The Anti-trafficking Committees initiated in Karnataka is now being scaled up nationally: training provided to 879 ATC members to keep vigil on children

Bal Vikas Samitis strengthened in all Anganwadis: 182 centres supported for quality enhancement



SPECIAL JUVENILE POLICE UNIT (SJPU): WHAT THEY DO

*The Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act provides for a child
friendly police unit to provide protection to children*

*Koppal Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU)
established in August 2010*

*SJPU interventions include training, outreach
programme and rescue work*

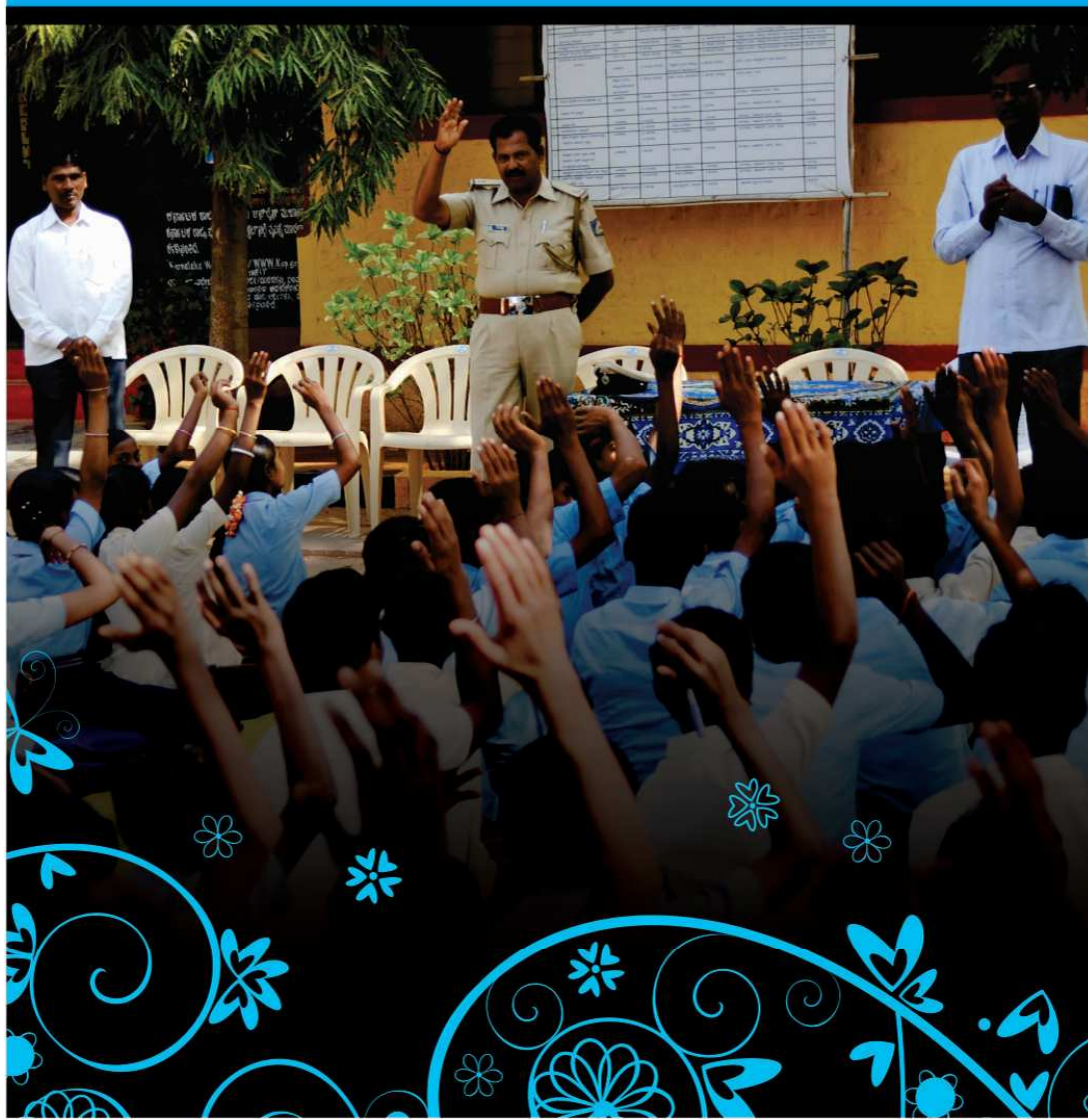


INITIATIVES TAKEN BY KOPPAL SJPU

*623 police personnel (90% of Koppal police force)
trained on child protection issues*

*5,708 school children sensitized during
Weekly Open Houses*

*Outreach programmes conducted in every panchayat
to address public and children related issues*



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KOPPAL SJPU

*Notices issued to 35 mass marriage organisers
to prevent child marriage*

*Prevented more than 300 child marriages and
protected more than 100 children*



RECOGNITION OF KOPPAL SJPU

Koppal District is emerging as a model for the proactive and lead role played by the Police to both prevent abuse and exploitation of children, and promote a conducive environment where children can grow and enjoy life without violence

Awarded the best SJPU in Karnataka in 2013

